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John Muller, Chair
SF Bay Regional Water Board
1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400
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Dear Mr. Muller,

I'm happy to see that our new administration in Washington is beginning to reverse the Bush era's dangerously careless directives against caring for our environment, but we need to go even further here at home. Our precious San Francisco Bay is filled with trash. It destroys recreation, impacts water quality, and kills marine wildlife. The Regional Water Board's proposed permit would require cities and counties to meet a cleanup level of 100 pieces of trash for every 100 feet in a trash hotspot. It doesn't go far enough. The Bay needs the highest level of protection, zero trash. It's a difficult goal to meet, but we can do it, with enough scrutiny of careless people, enough publicity, and higher penalties for litterers. To begin with, I propose a law against using those terrible plastic bottle holders on six-packs of beverages, that strangle water birds.

Let's give it a try.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sylvia S. Russell".

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